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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: BGEN, PFOR, US, LY

SUBJECT: BOEING 727'S TO LIBYA

REF: STATE 080671

1. ON APRIL 20 SECRETARY AUTHORIZED DEPARTMENT TO INFORM  
COMMERCE THAT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO EXPORT LICENSES FOR  
TWO BOEING 727'S FOR LIBYAN ARAB AIRLINES. (LICENSE  
APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT MARCH 4.)  
DECISION WAS BASED UPON OUR ESTABLISHED PRECEDENT OF  
APPROVING THE EXPORT OF COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT TO LIBYA  
(EXCEPT L-100S) AND PRESUMPTION THAT OVERALL REASSESSMENT  
OF U.S.-LIBYAN RELATIONS NOW IN PROGRESS WILL NOT LEAD US  
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TO INITIATE A MAJOR CUTBACK IN OUR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS.

2. ON APRIL 15 BOEING INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT LIBYAN ARAB  
AIRLINES DELEGATION AND CREW HAD ARRIVED IN SEATTLE  
EXPECTING TO SIGN ACCEPTANCE PAPERS FOR TWO PLANES, AND TO  
RETURN TO LIBYA ON ONE OF THEM APRIL 18. PRESUMABLY  
BOEING HAD MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITHOUT ENSURING THAT LICENSES

WOULD BE AVAILABLE BECAUSE UP TO THAT TIME OUR POLICY HAD BEEN TO APPROVE EXPORT OF COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT TO LIBYA. THESE TWO 727'S ARE THE LAST OF A SERIES OF EIGHT PURCHASED BY LAA.

3. COMMERCE AND BOEING ARE BEING ADVISED THAT APPROVAL OF THESE REMAINING TWO LICENSES IS NOT A PRECEDENT WITH RESPECT TO ANY FUTURE CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT SALES WHICH MAY BE CONTEMPLATED FOR LIBYA. BOEING INFORMS DEPARTMENT THAT LIBYAN CREW NOW IN LONDON, HAVING DEPARTED SEATTLE EVENING OF 20TH. BOEING CREW PLANS FLY FIRST OF TWO 727'S TO LIBYA ON 21ST.

4. ADDRESSEES MAY USE ABOVE BACKGROUND AS APPROPRIATE IF MATTER RAISED BY EGYPTIAN OR LIBYAN GOVERNMENTS.  
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